

comment on its draft FY 2000–2005 Strategic Plan which provides a blueprint for the NRC to plan, implement, and monitor work needed to achieve its goals. The Commission will consider public comments in approving the final FY 2000–2005 Strategic Plan.

**DATE:** Submit comments on the draft strategic plan by April 7, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Mail Stop: T6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

The draft Strategic Plan, as well as the ability to provide comments electronically, are available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/planning.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daryl Kade, Mail Stop: T9D24, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone: (301) 415–7326; FAX: (301) 415–5386; Internet: [DWK@NRC.GOV](mailto:DWK@NRC.GOV).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The NRC issued its first Strategic Plan in September 1997, and is required to update it every three years. The NRC's draft FY 2000–2005 Strategic Plan, which has not yet been approved by the Commission, describes the agency's strategic goals, performance goals, and strategies for achieving NRC's mission. It is organized into four strategic arenas: (1) Nuclear Reactor Safety; (2) Nuclear Materials Safety; (3) Nuclear Waste Safety; and (4) International Nuclear Safety Support. To help accomplish agency goals, the NRC has established overarching corporate management strategies which are also described in the draft plan. A summary is provided in Part 1 with more details, as required by the Government Performance and Results Act, provided in Part 2.

Embodied in the plan is the NRC's understanding that decisions must be based first and foremost on their contributions to public health and safety. In addition, the NRC must also consider the effect of its decisions on the public it protects, on the industries it regulates, and on the effectiveness and efficiency of internal NRC operations.

The current plan is based more on performance and the outcomes the NRC intends to achieve. It addresses concerns and comments raised in Congressional hearings, as well as in meetings with members of the public and stakeholders who would be most affected by NRC decisions. Also, the plan captures recent regulatory reform and their outcomes in the long term.

**Stakeholder Input to the Strategic Plan**

NRC recognizes that work on the Strategic Plan is unfinished and that stakeholder input will further improve the draft plan. Stakeholder input is requested on the draft plan, particularly on the following areas:

- Do goals address appropriate areas?
- Are the strategies to achieve the goals adequate?
- Will performance measures indicate whether we are achieving our goals? In particular, we are seeking comment on those measures where specific metrics have yet to be proposed.
- Do goals and strategies reflect NRC's commitment to institutionalize change?
- Do external factors identify those conditions or circumstances which significantly affect the achievement of our goals?
- Is the strategic plan too lengthy? Is the level of detail sufficient?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of February, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**PEACE CORPS**

**Information Collection Requests Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Peace Corps.

**ACTION:** Notice of public use form review request to the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** The Associate Director for Management invites comments on information collection requests as required pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This notice announces that the Peace Corps has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget an emergency request to approve the use of the Peace Corps/Crisis Corps Volunteer Application Form (0420–0533) by May 2, 2000. Additionally, the Peace Corps will be seeking three year OMB approval using the standard review procedures. A copy of the information collection may be obtained from Joan Timoney, Director of the Crisis Corps, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20526. Ms. Timoney may be contacted by telephone at 202–692–2250. The Peace Corps invites comments on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether

the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology. Comments on these forms should be addressed to Desk Officer for the Peace Corps, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 15, 2000.

**Michael J. Kole,**

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Voluntary Customer Surveys in Accordance with Executive Order 12862, OMB 3220–0192. In accordance with Executive Order 12862, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) conducts a number of customer surveys designed to determine the kinds and quality of services our beneficiaries, claimants, employers and members of the public want and expect, as well as their satisfaction with existing RRB services. The information collected is used by RRB management to monitor customer satisfaction by determining to what extent services are satisfactory and